

EPA Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot

Gloucester, NJ

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

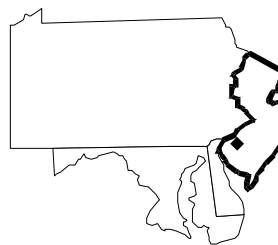
EPA has selected the City of Gloucester for a Brownfields Pilot. Gloucester (population 12,121) is a small, urban, working-class community located on the Delaware River, south of the City of Camden. The city's Southport Area was formerly home to a vibrant textile and shipping industry, supplying jobs to a large portion of the city's residents. The decline of these industries after World War II contributed to the loss of more than 25 percent of the city's population and contributed to more than 150 brownfields in the Southport Area.

The Pilot focuses on the city's Southport Area. Through redevelopment of the area's brownfields, Gloucester intends to spur environmental cleanup, alleviate potential health problems, and restore sustainable economic growth to the city.

OBJECTIVES

The Pilot's objective is to revitalize 188 acres within the Southport Area to take advantage of the area's proximity to local housing. This will promote development that uses existing infrastructure to restore economic vitality and civic pride. Through the Pilot,

PILOT SNAPSHOT



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May 2000

Amount: \$200,000

Profile: The Pilot targets brownfields in the Southport Area in an effort to bring employment to nearby residents and spur economic development throughout the city.

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Visit the EPA Region 2 Brownfields web site at:

<http://www.epa.gov/r02earth/superfund/brownfld/bfmainpg.htm>

For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

the city will select sites within the focus area that represent the best opportunities for redevelopment. These sites will then serve as models for site redevelopment, attracting additional public and private resources for future projects throughout the city.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of the Pilot include:

- Developing an inventory of brownfields sites with redevelopment potential and selecting up to three sites for assessment;
- Identifying and removing barriers to the redevelopment process;
- Developing community-based site cleanup objectives and goals in agreement with state and federal programs;
- Conducting community involvement activities to gain community input and support for the project; and
- Developing reporting programs to track and report on the progress of the Pilot.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.